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NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the Government of Sikkim has taken a decision to form an autonomous agency, namely Sikkim State Organic Certification Agency (SSOCA), registered in accordance with the Notification No. 2602/AH dated 25.03.1960 read with Section 3(1) of the Sikkim Regulation of Societies, Association and Other Voluntary Organization Act, 2008 on 31st December 2015 and bearing Registration No. E21/Gtk/2458.

It is now notified that, Sikkim State Organic Certification Agency (SSOCA) shall perform functions related to Organic Certification and undertake or assist in operations relating to organic certification and perform all other functions in terms of provisions contained in the Memorandum of Association of the SSOCA, Quality Manuals and Operating Manuals and will have following aims and objectives :-

1. It shall purely be a Non-Profit making agency.
2. The primary objective of Sikkim State Organic Certification Agency (SSOCA) is to carry on all or any work related to organic certification.
3. To undertake or assist in undertaking organic certification and inspection programmes/ services, export certificates, transaction certificates, online record keeping etc.
4. The Governing Body holds the highest decision-making power within the Agency. The notification constituting the members of SSOCA has been published vide No 24/Home/2016 dated 17th May 2016.
5. Further, the composition of Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) shall be as under :-

1	Chief Executive Officer, SSOCA	Chairman
2	Director (Agriculture) /Representative from Food Security & Agriculture Development Department	Member
3	Director (Horticulture) /Representative from Horticulture & Cash Crops Development Department	Member

4	Executive Director, Sikkim Organic Mission	Member
5	Conservator of Forest (Territorial), Forest Environment & Wildlife Management Department	Member
6	Project Director, SRDA/Representative from Rural Management & Development Department	Member
7	Joint Director, ICAR	Member
8	Managing Director, SIMFED /Representative from SIMFED	Member
9	Farmers Producers Organization (East Sikkim)	Member
10	Quality Manager, SSOCA	Member Secretary

6. The Sikkim State Organic Certification Agency will perform their normal responsibility and other functions as per the Operating Manuals and Quality Manuals duly approved by the Government of Sikkim.
7. The terms of appointment, recruitment, deputation, service rule, TA/DA, medical allowance etc. and financial rules & regulations will be as per the Quality and Operating Manuals of SSOCA duly approved by the Government.

By order and in the name of the Governor.

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Chief Secretary
Government of Sikkim
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